



By the King.

A Proclamation for the explaining of a former Proclamation lately published, intituled a Proclamation prohibiting the importation of any goods or merchandize whatsoever, in any French Shippes or Bottomes.



Hereas by the aduice of Our Priuy Councell We declared Our Royall pleasure by our Proclamation bearing date the eight and twentieth day of Aprill now last past, that no goods, merchandize or commodities whatsoever; of what condition or nature soever, should at any time, or times, then after be brought or imported into any of our Realms or Dominions, or any Haven, Port, or Creeke of the same in any Shippe, Bottome, or Vessell of or belonging to the French King: or any his Subiects, vntill Our pleasure should bee further published and made knowne to the contrary: vpon such paines and penalties as in and by the said Proclamation are contained and expressed, as by the said Proclamation, it doth and may more at large appeare.

Now least there should be any euasion vsed, to frustrate the intention of the said Proclamation, and of Our Royall pleasure and command thereby declared, or any ambiguity in the true vnderstanding thereof, we doe hereby, by the like aduise of Our Priuy Councell, will and command, and declare Our Royall pleasure to bee; That all goods and merchandize whatsoever, of what condition or nature soever, which at any time hereafter, (vntill Our will and pleasure shall be published to the contrary) shall be found or taken, in any Port, Haven, or Creeke, or by on the Sea, or any Riuer, in any Shippe, Bottome, or vessell, of or belonging to the French King or any of his Subiects directly, or indirectly, to whomsoever the saide goods or merchandize doe or shall belong, shall be forfeited and confiscated vnto Us: and as forfeited and confiscate, shall be seised to Our vse.

Neuerthelesse, Our will and pleasure is that if any such Shippe, Bottome, or Vessell be taken or seised as prize by any of Our Subiects, or others by vertue of Letters of Marque, obtained from Us, or Our Admirall of England, that in such cases the goods and merchandize which shall be found and taken in euery such Shippe, Bottome, or Vessell, shall be of the same condition to all intents, and purposes, and as lawfull prize, as the Shippe, Bottome, or Vessell in which they are found and taken ought to be, as if this Proclamation, had not beene made; of which our Royall pleasure, all Our Officers and louing Subiects, and all others whom it may, or shall concerne, are to take notice at their perills.

Giuen at Our Court at White-Hall the twelfth day of May in the third yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.

Imprinted at London by Bonham Norton and Iohn Bill, Printers to the Kings most excellent Maiestie. M.D.C. XXVII.